

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1455

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Bob Townsend upon winning the Veteran Grand Prix Male Division of the 2021-2022 Tennessee State Parks Running Tour.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize those individuals whose dedication, perseverance, and commitment in the pursuit of their goals serve to make them exemplars of the qualities treasured by the citizenry of this State; and

WHEREAS, Bob Townsend of Greeneville is one such individual, whose amazing win in the Veteran Grand Prix Male Division of the 2021-2022 Tennessee State Parks Running Tour has set a level of running excellence in Tennessee that may never be rivaled; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee State Parks Running Tour is the oldest state parks series in the United States; the 43<sup>rd</sup> tour started on October 2, 2021, in David Crockett State Park in Lawrenceburg and concluded on March 5, 2022, in Natchez Trace State Park in Lexington; and

WHEREAS, the Running Tour consists of twenty unique races with distances ranging from five to approximately thirteen miles from Roan Mountain State Park in Roan Mountain to Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, to qualify for the Running Tour, a runner must run at least five of the twenty races, and a maximum of ten races are counted toward championship awards at the banquet at Natchez Trace State Park Inn; and

WHEREAS, Bob Townsend, who serves on the board of directors of the Tennessee State Parks Running Tour, amassed 298 points out of a possible 300 and ran a total of ten races; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a competitive runner, Mr. Townsend serves as the race director of two races, the Pioneer 5 Miles in David Crockett Birthplace State Park in Limestone and the Roan Mountain 10K in Roan Mountain State Park in Roan Mountain; and

WHEREAS, Bob Townsend won the Veteran Male Division of nine races: Halloween Hunt 5 Miles at Long Hunter State Park in Mount Juliet, Bigfoot Scramble 5 Miles at Standing Stone State Park in Livingston, Tim's Ford Deer Trail 6 Miles at Tim's Ford State Park in Winchester, Over the River 8 Miles at Paris Landing State Park in Paris, Trail of Tears at Red Clay State Park in Cleveland, Johnsonville Charge 5 Miles at Johnsonville State Historic Area in New Johnsonville, Two Lakes 10K at Montgomery Bell State Park in Burns, The War Party 10K at Warriors Path State Park in Kingsport, and Race on the Trace 5 Miles at Natchez Trace State Park in Lexington, and he placed second at Plateau Gobbler Gallop 11K at Cumberland Mountain State Park in Crossville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Townsend's remarkable abilities and perseverance as an elite runner are worthy of the recognition of this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate Bob Townsend upon winning the Veteran Grand Prix Male Division of the 2021-2022 Tennessee State Parks Running Tour and offer our best wishes for his continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.